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Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1075]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1019]

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A very new lot of New Cheap Literature,
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Hongkong, 27th November, 1888.

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Black, Brown, Drab, and Grey.
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Tweed and other Soft Felts.
Tweed Hats and Caps in New Shapes.
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Silk Umbrellas from \$5 each, over too to choose from.
A large assortment of Walking Sticks.
Waterproof Coats, Leggings & Chair Aprons.
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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1888. [1014]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1015]

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FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGASAKI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1016]

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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"GUTHRIE".

Captain Craig, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

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RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1888. [1019]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR LONDON (DIRECT).

THE A. I. British Bark

"WILLIAM MANSON".

H. Kindred, Master, will load here, for the above Port, and will have a quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

PUSTAU & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1888. [1120]

FOR LONDON (DIRECT).

THE A. I. British Bark

"ARCADIA".

D. S. Eward, Master, will load here, for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

PUSTAU & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1888. [1121]

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THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"DANIEL BARNES".

Storer, Master, shortly expected, will load here, for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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PUSTAU & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1888. [1122]

MAILS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

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THE Company's Steamship

"TAISANG".

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior First Class Accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1888. [1225]

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Captain Cabo, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in Prince's Docks.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1226]

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"ANTONIO".

will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 20th instant.

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ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1888. [1227]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

VIA THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

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"ANCONA".

will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 22nd December, at DAYLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 6th December, 1888. [1228]

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"ABYSSINIA".

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Marquesitos, Flor de Prensados,
Papitos, Regalia Británica, Regalia
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and.

BOUQUETS DE WATSON.

SWEET CAPORAL and OLD JUDGE
CIGARETTES.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Hongkong, 29th October, 1888.

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Letters intended for the Editor, or sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

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Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions of public interest, it is not to be understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers to *The Hongkong Telegraph* are respectfully reminded that all Subscriptions are payable in advance.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

(Ruler.)

RUSSIA'S POLICY.

LONDON, December 12th.

It is reported that Russia resents the action of Persia in opening the river "Karun" to trade and navigation.

It is rumoured that the Russian Consul at Meshed has sent a menacing letter to the Shah in which he states that his Government, whilst desiring to maintain the prestige of Persia, is also desirous of avoiding a conflict with England.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OWING to pressure on our space we regret having to postpone our full report of the Regatta till our Monday's issue.

A YOUNG Chinese lunatic who was confined in the Tung-Wa Hospital managed to escape on Wednesday, by breaking the bars of his cage. His body was found in the Harbour at West Point this morning.

A SPANISH magistrate, shocked and exasperated by repeated food adulteration, has issued a proclamation against with righteous wrath that "all wines, groceries and provision which, upon analysis, are proved to be injurious to health, shall be confiscated forthwith and distributed to the different charitable institutions."

THE late Dr. Cleland, an eminent statistical writer, of Glasgow, related that a criminal, after attentively listening to the condemned sermon which preceded his execution, turned to his companion and remarked in Dr. Cleland's hearing: "A very good sermon, but rather too personal."

THE Sultan of Turkey is in that unhappy condition described by Macawber—waiting for something to turn up to relieve him from his present frightful case of impotency. During the recent visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to Constantinople the Sultan resolved to give a garden party in honor of His Royal Highness, when there was dismal dismay among the followers of the Faithful in the Ottoman palace on its becoming known that the 200 cooks and scullions who supplied the tables of the palace and harem had gone on a strike through not having received any pay for the past two years. The garden party was postponed. There is a limit to a Sultan's patience, and that is reached with a stroke in the kitchen. The cooks were ordered to be confined in a fortress, but the guards refused to take charge of the prisoners unless their pay was settled, the spot. At last the Sultan had to yield to the pressure, and was trying to effect a loan of a few millions for strengthening the Turkish fortifications.

A BRISBANE newspaper says that "the ultimate Queensland inebriate asylum" is Queensland itself."

TO-MORROW morning between 9 and 10 o'clock the steam-launch carrying the Bethel flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting code pennant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

At daylight this morning there was a fine row on board the *Passer*. Some coolies got fighting, and one pulled out a knife and stabbed another in the breast with it. He got his own ribs broken immediately afterwards, and then the police came. Both men were taken to the Hospital, the rest decamped.

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By kind permission of Colonel D. G. Anderson, the Regimental Band will play in the Public Gardens, to-morrow (Sunday), from 3.30 till 5 p.m. The following will be the programme:—

March....."Discoverer".....Campbell.
Overture....."Requiem".....Sullivan.
Selection....."Golden Legend".....Sullivan.
Valse....."Toreador".....Rowe.
Selection....."Johanna".....Sullivan.
Valse....."España".....Waddington.

JOHN MORAN, Bandmaster.

A CHINESE *lukong* was up before Mr. Wodehouse this morning on a charge of attempting to extort money. A merchant in Queen's Road, named Sui Kee, alleged that on Wednesday the man came to him and accused him of keeping a *Tsfa* shop, demanding a dollar to say nothing about it. Witness refused to give that man, and the defendant then threatened to give that next time he saw him he would seize him and take him to the station, beating him all the way. He then went away, and as witness afterwards found out that he was a constable he gave information to Inspector Mackie. In defence the *lukong* asserted that complainant did keep a *Tsfa* shop, and that on the day named he arrested a man who was buying tickets from him. He denied the charge. A sergeant proved that the defendant did so, though the charge was not pursued, and his Worship discharged the man.THE last number of the Macao *Independent*, in an editorial headed "Hongkong and Macao," contains some original remarks in dispragement of this Colony, which it would benefit English readers to peruse. It has been the practice of the Portuguese press of the neighbouring colony to run down Hongkong whenever they can find a pretext for doing so. Their chief reason for indulging in this sort of comparative anatomy is, as they assert, our own allusions to the shady proceedings which now and then crop up in the neighbouring continental colony. Our neighbours are fond of retaliating; hence the aspersions thrown against this "Malta and Gibraltar of the Far East." It does not occur to them that the majority of the Portuguese inhabitants of the Far East derive their means of livelihood from British commerce and from British influence in this part of the world. Macao journalism is anything but an exponent of the public opinion prevailing among the people whom it pretends to represent; it is the exclusive organ of a group of Portuguese functionaries who are generally a little more ignorant and a shade more vulgar than the people whom they are expected to civilise. And this sufficiently explains their anglophobia and their jealousy. Great Britain is bluntly accused by the writer in the *Independent*, of having shamelessly dispossessed the Portuguese of several of their settlements in India, in order to enrich itself with their commerce and their agricultural resources. The treaties by which Bombay and Ceylon were transferred to the British Crown are not even mentioned by the rabid reviler; nor is the frigid state of decay in which is found the only Portuguese colony in India.—Gone—hinted at as a clear proof that Portugal is far from being a colonising nation. As regards Macao, the writer simply affirms: "Hongkong has killed Macao," and finds in this assumed fact ample grounds for decimating upon the Lusitanian past glories and for reviling British aggression. It does not enter the Macao writer's head that when a colony "kills" another, it is not by "oppression" or by a crushing political blow, or by aggression, but by the just process of commercial competition and national energy. It is quite in the natural order of things that an enterprising nation should succeed where her apathetic neighbour fails. British commerce in the Far East is not the product of chance, far less of rapine and of adventurous misdeeds by sea and by land, such as were most of those Portuguese feats in this part of the world, which brought about the foundation of their colony of Macao. No comparison can be instituted between a nation of enterprising capitalists and merchants, and navigators, and that of a few adventurers of three hundred years ago. No sooner was the light of civilisation brought to bear on the Macao colonists of old, than they, instinctively, enough receded into the darkness from which they had sprung, and to which they will remain. The Macao people may never think the Peak would become the most desirable locality for residence for health, rest and relaxation.

THE following is the Order of the Day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Monday, the 17th Inst., at 4 p.m.:—

Second reading of the Bill to amend The Reformatory Schools Ordinance, 1886.

A CURIOUS ferryboat is building for the River Clyde at Glasgow. Instead of requiring movable land stages or bridges to meet the rise and fall of the tide, the deck of the boat will be movable, carried on six hydraulic elevators, by which it can be raised or lowered. The boat will be a double-ender, 100 feet long of 55 feet beam, and 12 feet 6 inches draught.

MR. LYSAGHT, Inspector of Naval Dockyard Police, charged a servant of his, before Mr. Pollock, this morning, with embezzlement \$30.50. Mr. Lysaght sent him out yesterday to collect the rent of Mr. Croker's house, and on his return, when asked for the money, he said it had fallen out of his pocket down a latrine. He was under notice to leave at the time. Three months.

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JUDGING by the unmistakeable signs of life manifested by that excellent supra-urban district—the Peak, one might safely predict a glorious future for the budding colony away up in cloud-land. The high-level Tramway may be considered to be like a stretching of the hand by the low-lying city of Victoria in token of recognition of the sister establishment's *locus standi* as a supra-urban district. Distance, the great objection to a residence at the Peak, having been most happily overcome, the next sign of vitality and *rapprochement* was shown in the project of building a large Hotel and a number of terraced houses on the mountain tops; and now we have the Hongkong Gas Company extending its iron arms and offering a constant supply of light to the hitherto dark hamlet. It may confidently be said that by means of a plentiful supply of gas light, one of the most pressing desiderata of the Peak shall have been satisfied. The houses are so far apart there, and the roads are so ploughed in darkness, that night is made doubly hideous in a place which naturally revels in the glory of daylight. A thorough system of illumination by gas would render the Peak ten times more attractive to the urban dwellers of Victoria than it already is. The next thing to be done would be to provide an adequate and uniform water supply to all the dwellings of that district, and, last but not least, a safe system of drainage, better Police protection, better roads, and better means of conveyance. As it cannot be denied that the general tendency among the residents of the city is Peakwards, it behoves the Government and the Public Works Department to employ all the resources they can command to render the extensive grounds on those altitudes and the southern slopes valuable and useful for building purposes. Government ought to encourage the development of the Peak colony. That is the sanitation provided by nature for the fever and epidemic oppressed inhabitants of this overcrowded city. The Peak is the only natural outlet to overcrowding. As the influx of the respectable classes of Chinese into the city cannot be stopped, as Portuguese immigration is always on an ascending scale, and an extortionsist landlordism takes advantage of this state of things, or in other words, fattens itself on overcrowding, it must needs follow that a move Peakwards ought in every sense to be encouraged. But in order that the movement should take effect and be productive of economy both in health and in purse, it is clear that the Peak should first be made a thoroughly habitable place. Up to the present time it is only so to the privileged and moneyed classes who can command a staff of servants to supply their daily market and other wants. We should expect the Peak to be habitable to all the respectable classes of citizens; and to this end, the sentry-guards, lantern-lit paths, were crossed between the portraits of Lieutenant Hill and Williams, who carried them so bravely in the Boer Campaign of 1881. The folds of the flag fell on a French drum, with the Napoleonic eagle upon it, which was captured by the brave old Steelbacks so long ago as 1812. At each end of the room were transparencies in which the Sphinx and Castle and Key, with the motto of the Regiment, "Montis Insignia Calpis," was illuminated. The principal decoration in the smaller room was the silver shield, draped with a leopard's skin, which Colonel Bond presented when leaving, as a prize for shooting. The sitting-rooms were cosy and luxurious, but the ladies sought refreshment stod in the central recess. The two ball rooms were small, but the floors were perfect, and the decorations tasteful. In the larger hall, stars composed of bright side-arms, alternated with curious weapons, faced the chief glory of the Regiment—the old colours, which, torn and ragged, were crossed between the portraits of Lieutenant Hill and Williams, who carried them so bravely in the Boer Campaign of 1881. The folds of the flag fell on a French drum, with the Napoleonic eagle upon it, which was captured by the brave old Steelbacks so long ago as 1812. At each end of the room were transparencies in which the Sphinx and Castle and Key, with the motto of the Regiment, "Montis Insignia Calpis," was illuminated. The principal decoration in the smaller room was the silver shield, draped with a leopard's skin, which Colonel Bond presented when leaving, as a prize for shooting. The ladies sought refreshment stod in the central recess. The two ball rooms were small, but the floors were perfect, and the decorations tasteful. 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they put a sling centipede (wu-kung) in a box for the traveller's pillow, and in the night when an evil omen announces the approach of the Calling Snake, they open the box, the centipede bounces out and kills the Snake with one bite. This snake grows to a weight of several thousand catties, and its fat makes a lamp-oil which when burning defies the wind to blow it out. (5) The human-faced snake, of Burmah and Cochinchina; the female has a face like a pretty girl, with two feet growing under the neck, each with five human-looking fingers. Cut it in half, and it turns into a pretty girl complete. The male is green in colour, with a long beard; it will envelop and kill a tiger, but retreats from a fox, which will attack and eat it. (6) The "Jan" or boa, of Kiungchow (Hainan Island), and Kwangsi; grows several chang long; it follows women, and the snake-catchers stick their hair full of flowers, and call out "Hung Niang-tz, Hung Niang-tz!" (a pet name for a young lady); they throw some woman's clothes over it, and then lies still, and they chop off its head, and run away. The snake leaps about, and tears up young trees in its dying struggles before it succumbs to death.

CALITHUMPIAN'S DRESSING-GOWN.

THE BEAUTIFUL GARMENT WHICH ELFEDA MADE WITH HER OWN FAIR HANDS.

"Elfeda, something seems to tell me you made this yourself."

"I did, Calithumpian. I made it with my own hands as a present for you. It's a dressing-gown."

Mr. Magruder held the present at arm's length and contemplated it with silent awe. In the six months of his previous career as a devoted young husband he had never been so deeply moved.

"When I gaze at the unearthly, gorgeousness of the gown, Elfeda," he said, at length, "and the conviction slowly but irresistibly forces its way into my mind that it is intended for me to wear, can you wonder that I hesitate—that I ask myself what I have done to deserve it? Elfeda," he exclaimed in a husky whisper, as he closed the window blinds. "I think I will try it on. Be calm, my darling."

"I am glad you like it, Calithumpian. You have been so good, so thoughtful, so—"

"Heaven knows I have to be, Elfeda!" said the agitated young husband, wiping his fevered brow impulsively. "Which is the upper frontier of this—this magnificent garment?"

"Here it is, Calithumpian. But before you put it on, dear, just look at this design on the right shoulder. Isn't it nicely worked?"

"Elfeda, it is absolutely paralyzing!"

"You know what it is, of course?"

"I—think I do. It's the hanging of old John Brown."

"Oh, Calithumpian!" wailed the wife. "I meant it for the translation of the prophet Elijah!"

"It will do for either one, Elfeda," gasped the husband, as he struggled frenziedly with the gown. "I'd wear anything that was made with your own fair hands, my darling," he continued, as he got it on wrong side out and hind side before. "It was meant to be Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and looked like a thirteen-circus and menagerie in a瞬间. Don't cry, Elfeda! I'll wear it now if it cuts me every friend I have in the world. I'd wear it if John Ruskin himself should ask me as a personal favor to take it off! Such love as mine will stand anything. Marriage is not a failure! There! There!"

But we have no business lingering about here. Let us withdraw from the scene.—Chicago Tribune.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Morning walking gowns are severely simple, made in a single color, without ornament or embroidery, and fashioned in a plain, flat-fronted skirt, high, close corsage and plain coat sleeves.

If beauty cannot afford pearls, she may content herself with one of the new pearl-finished silver head necklaces, that are almost as becoming as the white spheres, and to be had at one-hundredth the price.

In all the bewilderment of cloak and cloth promises to be far and away the favorite this winter and deservedly for the new textures in Persian and Byzantine effects are softly and simply exquisite.

The bustle has died, but now lives again, though in much, lowly fashion compared to its former amplitude. New Paris gowns come with tiny cushions at the back and one or more short steelts just below the belt.

Cloth jackets differ from those of last year mainly in being longer and even all round. Many have loose fronts falling over an embroidered vest, and in all the sleeve is wide enough to slip off and on with ease, wherein it is a great improvement upon those of former seasons.

The Empire gown gains more and more a foothold, and is like to be largely worn for house and evening toilets this winter, but only the more daring will appear in it on the street, though its sign manual, the sash, is worn indiscriminately with basque or blouse or redingote.

The new black striped woollens are stylishly made up into redingote gowns with the wide turned-down collar, cuffs, pocket flaps and so on, green or fawn or mahogany cashmere which sometimes also forms a vest. They have big buttons made by covering wooden molds with the gown stuff upon which a faint design is embroidered in silk, the color of the trimming.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"SEPTIMA"

Captain Hansen, will be despatched for the above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1283]

A REGULAR MEETING of the above-named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at 9 P.M. precisely.

15th December, 1888. [1284]

To-day's Advertisements.

G. CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.



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GRAND CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

MR. LE BLONDE HARMSTON

DIANA THE HUNTRESS
in an intricate Act of Equestrianism with her flock of educated English Pigeons.

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A very large and splendid-looking Boa Constrictor has just been incorporated in the large collection of wild animals. This enormous Boa Constrictor has been imported from Calcutta from the Menagerie of the ex-Queen of Oude and is now on exhibition every night at the Menagerie.

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L. MAYA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1240]

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THIS EVENING,
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The Sensational Drama, in 4 Acts,
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Cast of Characters.

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Lad).....Mr. P. W. WILLARD,
Dalton, alias "The Tiger".....PHIL. RAY,
Hawkhaw (a Detective).....A. SUTCH,
Melted Moss.....J. F. SHERIDAN,
Mr. Gibson.....W. CRIPS,
Maliby.....H. M. IMANO,
Green Jones.....CH. FISHER,
Brunton.....W. HASSAN,
Sam Willoughby.....Miss G. WHITFORD,
Mrs. Willoughby.....Miss G. WHITFORD,
Miss St. Evremond (with
Song).....MAUDE HARE,
May Edwards.....VERA PATEY.

ACT I.—THE BELLEVUE GARDENS.

ACT II.—MAY EDWARDS' LODGING.

ACT III.—MR. GIBSON'S OFFICE.

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In this Scene Miss HARE will sing "Softly Sighs" from "Der Freischütz."

Scene 2.—A STREET.

Scene 3.—CHURCH & EXTERIOR OF MR. GIBSON'S OFFICE.

During the evening MR. ROBERTSON will play some favourite Selections and Solos on the Pianoforte.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1251]

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"AMOY."

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1281]

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THE Company's Steamship

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1282]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1284]

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1888. [1250]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1266]

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